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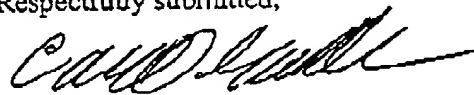
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Enclosed is a check for \$39.00 (small entry) for added independent Claim 25, plus \$22.00 for claims added in excess of twenty totaling \$61.00 (amount of check).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1, 7-10, and 25, drawn to a hybrid vehicle charging system, classified in Class 180, subclass 65.2.

II. Claims 2-6 and 15-17, drawn to cruise control system, classified in Class 180, subclass 178.

III. Claim 11, drawn to a vehicle control system responsive to a pollutant level, classified in class 422, subclass 291.

IV. Claims 12-14, drawn to a vehicle control system responsive to an exhaust emission level, classified in class 60, subclass 276.

V. Claims 18-24, drawn to a system for processing ambient air pollutants, classified in Class 422, subclass 168.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, III, IV and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, the fast charge-discharge battery of invention I, the cruise control system of invention II, the pollutant level control system of invention III, the exhaust emission level control of invention IV, and the system for processing ambient air pollutants of invention V each have

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separate utility such as for use with vehicles which do not require the particulars as recited by the claims of each of the other inventions. See M.P.E.P. § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications and their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

A telephone call was made to Conrad Gardner on September 17, 1996 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Michael Mar at telephone number (703) 308-2087.

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